

## ALEXANDER LEADS HURLERS--RUMOR WEST POINT WANTS BREWER--G. W. WINS

## 'ALECK THE GREAT' LEADS PITCHERS OF BOTH BIG LEAGUES

Worked in 46 Games and Allowed Average of 1.91 Runs.

By JACK NYE.

No wonder they call him Alexander the Great.

That title fits him like the paper on the wall.

Now that all the official returns are in, the great slabber of the Chicago Cubs once more stands at the head of the list.

His work last season was superior to that of any pitcher in either league by quite a healthy margin.

Though Alexander took part in more games than any big league pitcher, with the single exception of Doc Ayres, of Detroit, he allowed the fewest runs to a game. His average was 1.91, as compared with 2.46 to Bob Shawkey, the American League leader.

Alex was a horse for work. He participated in forty-six battles, completing thirty-three of them. He was used as a finisher on six occasions and pitched the amazing total of 362 innings, which is another season's record.

In the won and lost column the Cub star was rated second in the National League with twenty-seven wins and fourteen defeats, giving him more victories than any rival in either circuit, except Jim Bagby.

As a strike-out artist, Alex again carved a niche for himself with a total of 173, which exceeded by a healthy margin the total of Stanley Coveleskie, the American League leader, who whiffed 133 willow wielders.

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## The Mighty "Babe" In His Cage Armor



"Babe" Ruth looks funny without his home-run line, doesn't he? Now he's a star at baseball, too—captain of the Passaic (N. J.) team.

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## WELLESLEY GIRLS STRONG FOR SPORT

WELLESLEY, Mass., Jan. 10.—Winter athletics are on the boom with the girls at Wellesley College. Indoor baseball, basketball, hockey and indoor riding are the favorite sports in the gymnasium, and large numbers of candidates are reporting daily for the classes. Outdoors the girls engage in hockey, skating, skiing, snowshoeing and tobogganing. Football is about the only important sport missing. And for football the girls are needed in the winter carnival, to be held in February, promises unusually keen competition.

## WELSH HAS HOPES OF COMING BACK

Former Light-weight Champion to Attempt "the Impossible."

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Where countless others have failed, Freddy Welsh thinks he'll succeed.

Welsh is trying a comeback and hopes to become light-weight champion again.

Since May 28, 1917, when Welsh lost his title to Benny Leonard in New York, he has remained in retirement.

When the call came, Freddy, although a native Briton, hopped to the colors with Uncle Sam and rose to the rank of captain in the medical department.

Following his discharge he opened a health farm in Summit, N. J. Coming back in the tube from Jersey after the Leonard-Dundee fight one night last winter, Welsh, still in his military uniform, told a group of friends with him:

"Well, boys, I'm coming back. I'm in good condition and I don't weigh a pound more than those boys scaled tonight."

The champion wisely picked a "set up" for his second bout. One Willie "Kid" Green faced him recently in a bout in Newark and refused to come out for the fifth round.

Sure, he was easy," Welsh said commenting on the bout. "If I had picked a first-class light-weight I would have been put out. I'm going to take on several more going-out boys and then start after the second string."

Welsh and his manager, Mitchell and Tandler will come next, and if I get past them, I'm sure Benny Leonard will give me a return bout for the championship."

Welsh openly admits that his return to the ring is not so much a move to regain lost prestige as to earn money.

"I need the money. A couple of lively seasons in the ring will net me enough to keep my little family the way I want it kept," he said.

Welsh looked good physically in his return engagement. He weighed 137 pounds, but had enough surplus to take the light-weight limit without trouble.

The Manual Trainers won the title last year, but are scheduled to face stiffer opposition this season. Coach Apple lost three of his championship fights, Parker and Gude being the only men left from last year's squad.

However, Apple has some last year's reserve players who may surprise big school cage fans and dopsters before the season ends.

The Red and White tossers on form displayed so far this season, have the edge on their rivals this afternoon. Coach Green has as well-balanced and as classy an outfit as has been flashed in local high school circles in some years, and if they continue to run to the form they displayed in their first series effort they have an excellent chance of winning the rag, or at least having plenty to say about who gets it.

Auburne and McCarthy at forwards; Berger in center, and Parker and Gude at the guard positions will probably start the game for the Manual Trainers. Jeffers and Dawson at the shooting stations; Nicholson at center, and Conrad and Burke at guards—Green's regular line-up expected to open for the Westerners.

ROVERS TO BATTLE HARLEM A.C. SUNDAY

The Washington Soccer Club and the Harlem A. C. eleven of Georgetown, each team having a win over the British Embassy Soccer eleven last Sunday.

The Georgetown aggregation defeated the Britishers by a slightly larger score than did the Rovers last Sunday. However, the Rovers showed a lot of speed and headwork in their last game and, according to the dope, have an even chance to defeat the Harlem eleven.

BOY SCOUT TROOP HAS FAST QUINTET

The Boy Scout troop of the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, fourteenth street and Columbia road northwest, boasts of having one of the fastest local basketball teams in the 105-110-pound class.

The team is at present playing all troop teams with which games can be arranged and seeks games with teams of its own weight. This troop won the championship of the Boy Scout troops last season.

YOSEMITES FACE HARD CAGE LIST

The Yosemite quint has a busy week before them. Wednesday they battle the Eastern Athletic Club, Friday they take on the Warwick, and Saturday they will hitch up with the Circle Athletic Club at Carroll Institute.

The Yosemitees have been greatly strengthened by obtaining Murray, formerly of the Warwick. Teams wishing games with 110-pound quint at Lincoln 4254-J.

W. Va. Preps Want Games.

West Virginia Preps want basketball games for February 18 and 19 with teams in or near Washington. He willing to exchange dates and guarantees. Interested write P. J. Davis, athletic director, W. V. P., Keyser, W. Va.

Emerson "5" to Start.

The Emerson Institute quint will have their first start tomorrow night when they stack up against the Ingram team five at the Ingram gym at 8:30.

FRENCH GETS A 70 AT PINEHURST

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Donald Parson of Chevy Chase, and professional, defeated Mrs. John P. Chapman, of Greenwich, and Donald Parson in a four-ball match at Pinehurst today in which French won 70 in 35 on the championship course and came their first start tomorrow night at 8:15 o'clock. Quite a few visitors are expected from the down-river town.

THE SPORTS SECTION

It is always simple enough to stand on the outside and toss in suggestion. This applies to the present baseball situation as well as any form of industry or trouble.

As we understand it, Judge Landis intends this coming spring to transfer the game from the "organate" officials to the playing field, which would be the wisest move that any one could possibly make.

But before this transfer can be made there are still several matters which it is vitally necessary to handle in proper fashion at the winter convale.

What has been done isn't a matter of expediency but of necessity if baseball is to look for any patronage or support next spring and summer.

The first move to be made, of course, is in connection with the Chicago White Sox scandal, and every other crooked ballplayer, with especial attention paid to naming and branding every gambler that had any hand in the attempted wrecking of the game.

This case isn't closed, by any means.

## The SPORTLIGHT by Grantland Rice

they have become widespread and should be put to trial.

Concerning Squabbles.

Then there is the matter of feuds, squabbles and other forms of trouble that have broken out in one league or another for about forty years.

The National League was the storm center for more than a decade, but when the National finally declared peace within its ranks the American League developed a series of feuds that have been even more bitter and hurtful to the game.

Ban, brought up on the old politics of the game, has never been able to see that conditions have changed and that baseball is much bigger than any one man.

He hasn't been able to see that the old regime failed miserably before its greatest test and will no longer be tolerated.

The old regime have lost the respect of the multitude. If the new era can't save the game it is then beyond any saving, so far as its future prosperity is concerned.

Then to the Field.

When these tangles, and others, have been cleaned up it will then be time to transfer the game by spring from the box office to the playing field.

The owner who solemnly speaks about his "property interests" has never owned enough stock in any club to be at liberty to wreck the game.

The intention of Judge Landis to lift the managers and players more into the spotlight and to permit the owners to remain in obscurity is one of the wisest of possible moves.

In one respect many owners have been in the open to this extent—they have tried to show that the game was strictly a business and in no sense a sport or a recreation, and they have come pretty close to succeeding in their commercial propaganda.

Ninety-eight per cent of baseball belongs to the playing field. The politics of the sport should be clean but obscure, taking the spotlight only when the spotlight is needed to help expose any shady work.

"Back to the field" is the slogan that will carry a tremendous appeal to the fans, who have developed an abiding love for the clash of magnates and courts, over the bickering that gave the crooks their chance to slide in and apply the dynamite of corruption to the main foundation.

Judge Landis has a big job on his hands, but he also has the chance to do the finest work of the decade in re-establishing a sport that means recreation and amusement to nearly 20,000,000 people.

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In the Sporting Section

COLLYER'S COMMENT on the Sport of Kings

By BERT E. COLLYER

Barry Shannon.

The dynamite have finally decided to turn this bird loose. I say this advisedly because I know where the dynamite of the filly was placed overnight.

Now a word to the wise is usually as good as a kick in the shins. Tantalus is also fit and good and for a take-a-change bet across the board he looks excellent.

Little Billy Bowlegs has him fit to sing with Mary Garden. Fair Ostar should hold the others safe. Star Timmy which won so impressively last time, is taken to repeat right back. Personally I think this one a trifle better than ordinarily rated. Flying Beauty is also very fit. O'Day's schooled and in shown some splendid trials. The peep end should be a battle royal between War Relief and Lovellett. Rolo is another repeater. This game possesses an excellent burr of speed.

True he is a bit white livered but I look for him to forget to stop again today. Vulcanize was bet on in China last time and the same connections are down hook, line and sinker.

The Moor is one of those betting nags for which this stable is famous. Tab the ring action closely. They mopped up the country on the occasion of that last victory, but did not turn their money loose until after noon time.

Tan Son and Day Lily for what is left.

Amaze looks like the real jam in the third. Lamp the gab appended by the clockers; "only needs to race to recent morning trials to come home on the chin strap." Saint Isidore has been held pretty cheaply of late but that makes no never mind.

Apple Jack II would be better suited if the going turns muddy. Dr. Carmen has an outside chance to spill the frijolitos. He is awfully fit at present.

Alhena is as fresh as a daisy and inasmuch as I understand that Pittsburg is loaded to the guards looks like taking candy from the infant.

For a day a horse hand in handle, will be a stout contender with a big hustling rider aboard.